

Ford's better idea

Henry Ford didn't have such a hot idea when he came up with the car. All he did was cause more problems for the women who already had all they thought they could handle. It was inevitable that women would learn to drive once the car was introduced into society because men could see that the car would be of great advantage to the homemaker. A woman could do 10 or 15 more things in a day if she could just get around faster. So men who



Margaret Schmale's
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and pieces

would never have dreamed of handing the reins over were handing the keys over to women and encouraging them to learn how the new contraption operated.

The unfortunate mistake that men made was to show women how to drive the vehicle without showing them how to repair it. The fine art of tuning and maintaining was monopolized by the men so the fine ladies wouldn't have to soil their pretty hands or confuse their pretty minds. Which eventually left the pretty ladies standing up to their pretty busses in mud because their car broke down and they had absolutely no idea what to do. "Women driver" jokes erupted from the lack of knowledge women were given to cope with the problems that arose from the automobile. A desperate woman stranded on a dirt road in 1910 probably sounded much the same as a woman today stalled on the freeway. How many ways can you say "The car stopped and I can't get it started again."

Most men feel women can't handle the complicated mechanics of today's engines although over the years they have progressed from the simple 4-cylinder Model T to the massive diesels with 21 forward gears. Boys go from Tonka trucks to Chevy trucks and by age 18 can usually take an engine apart and sometimes get it back together again.

Girls meanwhile are supposed to bake, sew and type. So when an unknowledgable woman brings her limping car into a garage the first thing the mechanic asks is "What's wrong with it?" Now if she knew she wouldn't need his advice. When she tells him that it makes a funny noise and sounds like a bird singing or tennis shoes in the dryer he gives her the look that says, "How can you drive if you don't know any more than that about your car?" Thus putting the woman driver right back to square one with the keys, but no answers.

There are some men who don't know a lug wrench from a dip stick too, but when they go into an auto body shop a different game is played. Both men stick their heads under the hood of the car and study the 'problem' together. The mechanic asks the owner what he thinks is the matter with the car and the male owner, even though he knows nothing about what's under the hood, offers some lame advice. The mechanic knows the advice is all wet, but takes it under consideration to be polite. They shake hands, the owner goes home knowing that he "straightened out" the mechanic and the mechanic's repair bill gets paid without question.

The horse and buggy days were considerably slower and less efficient, but the longer I'm around the car the more appealing they looked. The extent of my auto mechanic knowledge is checking the water, oil and gas, a deficiency my girls may correct. Old Dobbin had no gauges to check, no shocks to replace, no need for Midas, no transmissions to worry about. He was a tractor, a pickup truck and a car all rolled into one. There was no dip stick to check on Dobbin and he seldom ran out of water because he refilled himself. The best thing about him was there was no confusion between leaded and unleaded gas because Dobbin had a gas all of his own.

MHCC developing patron mailing lists

Several mailing lists are being developed at Mt. Hood Community College to help control college postage and printing costs.

"These computerized mailing lists will mean that people can get the exact kind of information they want at the lowest cost possible to the college," according to Eric Sankey, associate dean of college relations.

"Beginning this year, we are giving district residents the chance to select from a variety of specific mailing lists," Sankey said.

Separate mailing lists are being developed for class schedules each quarter, music, drama and art events, athletic events, MHCC special events, Maywood Park Center information, strawberry short courses, student activities, international education events,

Saturday morning youth recreation, swimming lessons and pool hours, community recreation schedules, community education short courses, small business management programs and business seminars.

Sankey said the new mailing lists are being publicized in the college's district newsletter and After Five schedule of evening classes which will be mailed to all district residents.

"These publications will have a return coupon for people to mark the mailing lists they want to be on for the year," he said.

As well, people can call the college's admission office at 667-7391 to be put on mailing lists.

Information sent to people on these new mailing lists will be sent at bulk mail rates.

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MHCC real estate meeting set

The 11th Annual Real Estate Shirtsleeves Conference sponsored by the Mt. Hood Community College real estate advisory committee and the college is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, Sept. 11-12, in the MHCC College Theater.

The conference offers up to 12 clock hours for the state education requirements for real estate agents and brokers.

Registration for the Thurs-

day session begins at 8:15 a.m. with the day's topics including the several different methods of financing real estate currently available and those that may be available in the near future.

Friday's topics include land sales contracts and methods for management and supervision of sales personnel. Registration for the Friday session begins at 8:30 a.m.

The registration fee for all participants is \$30 for all or any part of the conference, including lunch both days. All proceeds will go to the college's real estate scholarship fund or to the

real estate library fund.

For more information about the Real Estate Shirtsleeves Conference, contact the community education office at 667-7181 or 667-7428.

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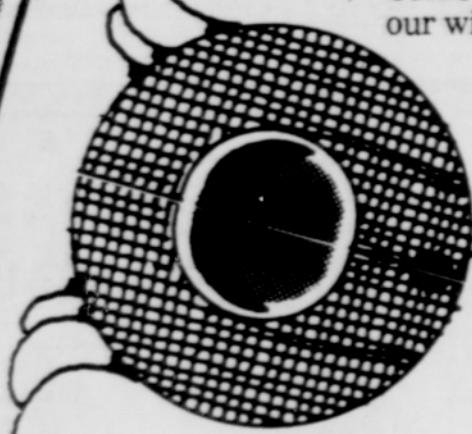
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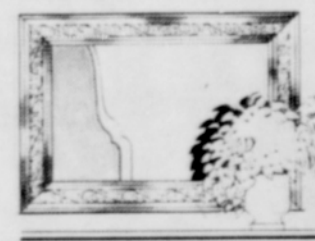


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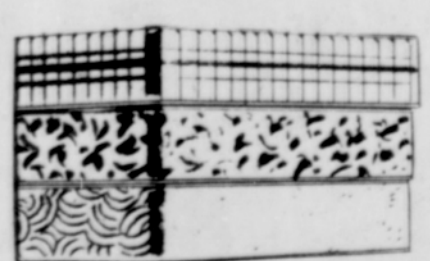
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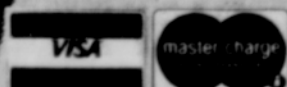


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